

Project Factsheet for: Section 206 Overview

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Project Location Information

Location:United States

River Basin(s):

State(s): MN, MO, WI, IA, IL

Congressional District(s): IA-1, IA-2, IA-3, IA-4, IA-5, IL-11, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-19, IL-2, IL-3, MN-1, MN-7, MO-6, MO-9, WI-1, WI-2, WI-3, WI-5, WI-6

Status

Informational only.

Description

AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

Section 206 of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act, as amended, provides authority for the Secretary to carry out an aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection project. Such projects will usually include manipulation of the hydrology in and along bodies of water, including wetlands and riparian areas. A project is adopted for construction only after a detailed investigation determines that the project will improve the quality of the environment and is in the best interest of the public, and clearly shows the engineering feasibility and economic justification of the improvement. Each project is limited to a Federal cost share of not more than \$5 million. The Federal limitation includes all project-related costs for feasibility studies, planning, engineering, construction, and supervision and administration.

CASH CONTRIBUTION

If the value of the lands, easements, relocation, rights-of-way and disposals (LERRDs) plus the cash contribution does not equal or exceed 35 percent of the project cost, the sponsor must pay the additional amount necessary so that the sponsor's total contribution equals 35 percent of the project cost. The entire non-Federal share of the total project cost may be credited work-in-kind. Post feasibility phase design, including plans and specifications, provision of materials, and project construction are items eligible for work-in-kind as part of the non-Federal sponsor's share.

LOCAL COOPERATION

Formal assurance of local cooperation in the form of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) must be executed with the local sponsoring agency. The sponsoring agency just normally agree to the following:

- a. Provide without cost to the United States all LERRDs necessary for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project.
- b. Provide without cost to the United States all necessary alterations of buildings, utilities, highways, bridges, sewers, and related and special facilities.
- c. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project, except damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.
- d. Maintain and operate the project after completion without cost to the United States.
- e. Prevent future encroachment, which might interfere with proper functioning of the project.
- f. Assume responsibility for all costs in excess of the Federal cost limitation of \$5 million.
- g. Provide guidance and leadership in preventing unwise future development of the flood plain by use of appropriate flood plain management techniques to reduce flood losses.
- h. If the value of the sponsor's contribution above does not equal or exceed 35 percent of the project cost, provide cash contribution to make the sponsor's total contribution equal to 35 percent.

HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

The Corps of Engineers can initiate an investigation of a prospective project upon receipt of a request from a sponsoring agency fully empowered under state law to provide the required local cooperation.

Authority

CA - Continuing Authorities - Section 206 --

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